First Lutheran Church

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FIRST LUTHERAN
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Astoria, Oregon

Third Wed each month

1958

1958

President

Margaret Lervick

DEC 1958

Study Program for 1958

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN FACES CHOICES

Deut. 30: 19b - 20a

"Therefore choose life that you and your decendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and cleaving to him; for this means life to you and length of days."

1958

W. M. F. First Lutheran Church Rummage Sale, former Al Crohn Location on Marine Drive

Jan. 20 - Feb 1 - 1958

Missionary Group Lists Committees

January 1958

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church had its committees appointed by Mrs. Jens Lervick, president, when it met in the Friendship room recently.

These are Mrs. Edmund Hansen, chairman, the Mesdames Henry Gjovik, Robert Paschall and Ed Sather, hospitality; Mrs. J. Henningsen, social; Mrs. Erik Hauke and Charles Wooley, sochairmen, the Mesdames John Prepula, John Persen, Gerald Arrington and Ed Paldanius, social; Mrs. Richard Goin, promotion and publicity; Mrs. Eugene Sorenson, literature; Miss Johanna Nielsen, historian; Mrs. Andrew Nygaard, foreign missions; Mrs. Myron Bue, home missions; Mrs. Randall Rasmussen, education; Miss Naomi Lokan, thank offering; Mrs. Ferdinand Christensen, Christian nurture; Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli, cradle roll; Mrs. William Hagerstedt, charities; Mrs. Andrew Honcharanki, box work; Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann, life membership and In Memorium; and Mrs. C. P. Everett, social action.

Mrs. Henningsen, program chairman, introduced the Bible study for the year, "The Christian Woman Faces Choices," with the first lesson by Mrs. Bill Olsen.

Mrs. Hagerstedt, charities secretary, gave a short talk on her department and collected "self denial" envelopes.

Mrs. Everett, social action secretary, reported on the work of her department, its aims and purposes, and Mrs. Nygaard told of their visit to a workshop held recently in Portland.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Chris Anderson, chairman, assisted by the Mesdames Emil Anderson, Arrington, Axel Bernhoff, Charles Berry and Bue.

March 1958

Astorian Elected To Mission Meet In Minneapolis

Miss Margaret Nielsen was elected delegate to the Women's Missionary federation convention, to be held in Minneapolis June 18-20, when the Women's Missionary society of the First Lutheran church met recently in the Friendship room.

Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann gave the Bible study lesson, "Results of Israel's Choice," after the opening prayer was led by Mrs. J. Lervick, president.

A report on the church's foreign missions was given by Mrs. A. Nygaard, foreign mission secretary, who passed out mission boxes.

Hostesses for the meeting were the Mesdames Richard Goin, E. Forness, F. Christensen, John Fremstad, Fritz Fremstad and Henry Gjovik.

Lutheran Church Sets Evening Tea For Wednesday

April

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church were told about a spring evening tea in the church parlors tomorrow evening, starting at 7 p. m. to be held by the church's Senior guild.

The invitation for all federation members and women of the church was made by Jessie Miller, president of the guild, who stated that there will be entertainment at the tea and a free-will offering.

Mrs. Randal Rasmussen, higher education secretary, showed a film on that subject; Mrs. J. Lervick led the prayer; Mrs. J. Henningsen was program chairman, and Mrs. Miller presented the lesson, "The Woman God Used."

Hostesses for the evening meeting in the Friendship room were the Mesdames Sven Lund, A. E. Grimstad, Ed Hansen, Martha Isaacson, Frank Hatley and Miss Frances Gustafson.

Greetings . . .

FROM THE 1958 WMF CONVENTION

"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"

II Corinthians 2:14 (RSV)

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
Margaret Nielsen
Astoria, Oregon

DELEGATE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION OFFICERS

Pres.	Mrs. Jens Lervick 796 34th Street Phone Fa 5-2619
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Steen Alsos 3928 Franklin Avenue Phone Fa 5-0917
Sec'y.	Mrs. Carl Swensen 3726 Franklin Avenue Phone Fa 5-6529
Treas.	Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen 3405 Harrison Avenue Phone Fa 5-2908

1958

Twenty-Second GENERAL WMF Convention

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM

May-1958

Johanna Nielsen
Astoria - Oregon

Missionary Group Is Given Address On 'Dedication'

A lesson on "Dedication Begins at Home" was given members the Women's Missionary Fed tion of the First Lutheran chu when they met in the Friend room recently.

Mrs. Andrew Nygaard, who sented the program, was duced by Mrs. Olga Hennin program chairman. Margaret vick, president, opened the

ing with prayer.

Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann, secretary of the life membership and in memoriam committee, gave a report on that subject, and Miss Margaret Nielsen, delegate to the convention of Columbia circuit of Women's Missionary federation, held recently in Longview, gave a

WMF

THE NINE O'CLOCK PRAYER HOUR
"Choose life, that you and your descendants may live"
Deuteronomy 30:19b
bad tree bear good fruit

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

presents

SEEDTIME

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Play -:- Pageant

by

ROBERT W. LUTNES

CIVIC AUDITORIUM — MINNEAPOLIS

Friday, June 20, 1958 8:00 P.M.

Women's Missionary
Federation • ELC

1958 Calendar of Causes

August-1958

Lutheran Bazaar Plans Progress

Plans are going ahead for the annual bazaar, which the First Lutheran church will hold October 16 and 17, according to a report from the Women's Missionary federation's recent meeting in the Friendship room.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Mrs. J. Lervick, and Mrs. Edmund Hansen led the devotions. Mrs. J. Henningsen was in charge of the program, which featured the Bible study "A Plan for Every Life," presented by Mrs. Ferd Christensen.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. William Hagerstedt, chairman, assisted by the Mesdames R. Rasmussen, Hans Lovvold, Ben Lien, Alfreda Lovvold, Arvid North and Roy Harestad.

September

Federation Sets Plans For Bazaar

Final plans for the annual "Harvest Bazaar" were made at a recent meeting of the Women's Missionary federation of First Lutheran church, held in the Friendship room.

Traditional meat balls and fish balls headline dinner menus for the two-day event, Thursday and Friday, October 16-17, according to Mrs. Eric Hauke, social chairman. Lunches both days will be served buffet style, and coffee an' is planned throughout both days.

Reports from participating organizations indicate that displays will include aprons, doll clothes, Christmas novelties and other items. The bazaar will feature baked foods and candies, a "mystery table" and a fish pond for children. An added attraction will be a shoe shine service sponsored by the Luther league.

During the federation meeting, Mrs. Mel Hjorten gave the Bible lesson on "God Given Abilities" and Mrs. Ferd Christensen spoke on Christian nurture.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Albert Mittet, Andrew Lyster, Albert Luukinen, Robert Moon, Andrew Nygaard and Miss Jessie Miller.

Harvest Bazaar

First Lutheran Church

Thursday and Friday October 16 & 17

NORWEGIAN FISH BALL AND MEAT BALL DINNERS SERVED BOTH EVENINGS

5:30 to 7 P.M.

Adults $1.50 . . . Children, 6 to 12, 50c

Buffet Lunches

Coffee An's Both Days

Aprons - Fancy Work - Mystery Tables - Candy - Baked Foods - Fish Pond

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A TRIBUTE - We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of the church for the organization, for the effort and the fine results of the annual bazaar which they sponsored several weeks ago. It was a fine example of helpful cooperation on the part of many and this was indeed noticdable during the two days it was held. We do not know the exact figure but as a result of this effort, some $2000.00 will be made available to the church and this of course again is a big financial lift as we near Nov. I'st, at which time the congregation makes note payments on its indebtedness. Thanks again to the ladies.

Sincerely
H. Storaasli
Pastor-First Lutheran Church
Astoria, Ore.

November - 1958

Lutheran Mission Group Re-Elects Complete Slate

Mrs. Jens Lervick was re-elected president of the Women's Missionary group of First Lutheran church when it met in the Friendship room recently, and her slate of officers were re-elected right along with her. They are Mrs. Steen Alsos, vice president; Mrs. Carl Swensen, secretary; and Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen, treasurer.

An interesting report on the Columbia circuit convention, held in Vancouver, Wash., October 29, was given by Miss Margaret Nielsen, delegate.

An invitation was extended to all women of the church and their friends, by the Senior guild to attend their annual Christmas party Wednesday, December 3 at 8 p.m. at the church, for which a program is being planned and refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken for the building program, Nome, Alaska.

An appropriate reading on "Thanksgiving" was read by Mrs. J. Henningsen, and serving refreshments were the Mesdames Joe Peschl, John Persen, Ernest Peterson, Gus Peterson, John Prepula and Jens Lervick.

COMMITTEES

HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Edmund Hansen, Chairman	Fa 5-3963
Mrs. Henry Gjovik	Fa 5-4807
Mrs. Robert Paschall	Fa 5-3729
Mrs. Ed Sather	Fa 5-4910

PROGRAM

Mrs. J. Henningsen	Fa 5-3528

SOCIAL

Mrs. Eric Hauke, Chairman	Fa 5-4638
Mrs. Charles Wooley, Co-Chairman	Fa 5-2928
Mrs. John Prepula	Fa 5-2129
Mrs. John Persen	Fa 5-4956
Mrs. Gerald Arrington	Fa 5-2005
Mrs. Ed Paldanius	Fa 5-4377

INTO ALL THE WORLD

EIGHTH ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT W.M.F.
TRINITY LUTHERAN
VANCOUVER, WASH.
OCT. 29, 1958.

8. ARISE, ARISE, UNITED YOUTH OF OUR BELOVED CHURCH.
BE GUIDED BY GOD'S PRECIOUS TRUTH IN ALL YOUR FUTURE SEARCH!
COME, HERE AND NOW RENEW YOUR VOW TO SERVE YOUR LORD AND GOD,
AND BY HIS GRACE GO FORTH TO TRACE THE PATH YOUR FATHERS TROD!

BENEATH THE BANNER OF THE CROSS, WITHIN OUR CHURCH'S FOLD,
WE SEEK TO SERVE OUR COMMON CAUSE, AS DID THE SAINTS OF OLD;
IN FAITH AND PRAYER WE BRAVELY DARE TO FACE OUR FIERCEST FOE,
FOR, IF WE FIGHT IN GOD'S MIGHT, SUCCESS HE WILL BESTOW.

NOW BLESS US, LORD, THAT WE MAY STAND UNITED, STRONG AND TRUE
TO SERVE THEE HERE WITH HEART AND HAND IN ALL WE FIND TO DO!
HELP US, WE PRAY, UPON OUR WAY TO EVERY TRUST IN THEE,
AND GRANT US POW'R EACH DAY AND HOUR TO WIN THE VICTORY!

9. LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK
IN LIVING ECHOES OF THY TONE;
AS THOU HAST SOUGHT, SO LET ME SEEK
THY ERRING CHILDREN LOST AND LONE.

O LEAD ME, LORD THAT I MAY LEAD
THE WAND'RING AND THE WAV'RING FEET;
O FEED ME, LORD, THAT I MAY FEED
THY HUNG'RING ONES WITH MANNA SWEET.

O TEACH ME, LORD, THAT I MAY TEACH
THE PRECIOUS THINGS THOU DOST IMPART;
AND WING MY WORDS, THAT THEY MAY REACH

11. BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR!
KING OF CREATION!
SON OF GOD AD SON OF MAN!
TRULY I'D LOVE THEE,
TRULY I'D SERVE THEE,
LIGHT OF MY SOUL, MY JOY, MY CROWN!

FAIR ARE THE MEADOWS,
FAIRER THE WOODLANDS,
ROBED IN FLOWERS OF BLOOMING SPRING;
JESUS IS FAIRER;
JESUS IS PURER;
HE MAKES OUR SORROWING SPIRIT SING.

FAIR IS THE SUNSHINE,
FAIR IS THE MOONLIGHT
AND THE SPARKLING STARS ON HIGH;
JESUS SHINES BRIGHTER,
JESUS SHINES PURER,
THAN ALL THE ANGELS IN THE SKY.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR!
LORD OF THE NATIONS!
SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN!
GLORY AND HONOR,
PRAISE, ADORATION,
NOW AND FOR EVERMORE BE THINE!

1951 STATISTICAL REPORT OF OREGON CIRCUIT OF W.M.F.
Credited to Budget

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Church	Pastor	Societies	Membership	Mission Box	Thank Offering	Self Denial	Cradle Roll	Education	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Charities	Pensions	General Fund	Total
olumbia Circuit														
Bethlehem W.M.F.,Portland, Oregon	L. Borgen	1	119	45.61	34.45	27.12	30.00	120.00	10.00	180.00	198.00	25.00		670.18
Portsmouth Trinity W.M.F.,Portland	K.Egertson	1	60	109.00	32.00	30.00								171.00
Central Guild, Portland, Oregon	A.Christianson	1	119	24.66	11.75	16.95		11.67	10.00	11.67	11.66			98.36
Milwaukie Ladies' Guild, Milwaukie	F.W. Eide	1	60	69.44	19.50	34.41	26.00							149.35
Trinity Lutheran Guild, Vancouver	O.L.G.Vold	1	69	112.89	30.00	59.25	48.20		5.00	38.00	20.00			313.34
Emanuel Lutheran WMF Guild,Longview	C.Larson	1	60	46.30	20.80	37.40		18.45						122.95
Our Savior's Sunny Bethel,Cathlamet	E.Torvend	1	50	18.70	14.80	6.25	6.00		10.00				(Penny-A-Meal	55.75
First Lutheran W.M.F., Astoria, Ore.	H.Storaasli	1	104	83.13	42.95	56.71	28.00						10.06)	210.79
Chinook Lutheran Aid, Chinook,Wn.	H.Storaasli	1	24	15.76	7.00	10.00								42.82
Our Savior's Lutheran Guild,Oswego	Wm. Gentz	1	36	16.00	17.36	28.29	13.00	1.00	530.40					606.05
St.Lukes Ladies Guild, Multnomah	O.Langehough	1	48	18.00	13.00	11.42	12.00		5.00					59.42
Bethel Lutheran Ladies'Aid,Brush Prairie	O.Blomlie	1	32	29.66	13.03	21.40			5.00					69.09
end Circuit														
Our Savior's L.Ladies'Aid,Prineville	O. Gundmenson	1	26	15.40	5.00	12.13	5.00							37.53
First Lutheran W.M.F., Bend, Ore.	S. Gunsten	1	78	94.01	23.62	55.80	14.00		48.78	63.79	10.00			310.00
Klamath Lutheran L.Aid,Klamath Falls	I. Tweet	1	72	33.50	6.00	13.50	20.00							73.00
dmond Lutheran L.Aid, Redmond	O. Gundmenson	1	14	7.00	6.01	2.66	1.00							16.67
Hope Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Hines	A.Anderson	1	31	26.16	6.40	12.39	1.00							45.95
illamette Circuit														
Central Lutheran Guild,Eugene,Ore.	H. Albue	1	26											
Central Lutheran W.M.F.,Eugene,Ore.	H. Albue	1	72	60.05	32.51	41.05	77.00	117.50	81.00	30.00	54.41			493.52
Our Redeemer's W.M.F., Santa Clara	O.Kleppe	1	30	(Newly Organized)										
First Lutheran W.M.F., Albany, Ore.	W.Ellickson	1	25		20.55									20.55
Nidaras Ladies' Aid, Woodburn, Ore.	J. Carlson	1	20	19.00	10.00	9.56				10.00	10.00			58.56
Zoor Lutheran Ladies'Aid, Canby,Ore.	G. Trygstad	1	80	72.41	50.59	29.20	9.00		25.00					186.20
Grace Lutheran W.M.F., Salem, Ore.	L. Holte	1	29	47.12	22.75		2.00							71.87
Trinity Ladies' Aid, Silverton, Ore.	J. Luthro	1	53	46.77	36.81	33.60			20.00	30.00				167.18
Trinity Dorcas, Silverton, Ore.	J. Luthro	1	29	56.56	34.35	25.60								116.51
Immanuel W.M.F., Silverton, Ore.	A. Nelson	1	100	115.49	62.20	54.90	18.00		60.77	380.00			7.50	698.86
Our Savior's Guild, Lebanon, Ore.	M. Nesse	1	40	66.60			10.00		4.00				5.00	85.60
Central Ladies' Guild, Eugene, Ore.	H. Albue	1	23	25.73	16.56				30.15	30.95	9.00			112.39
Springfield Lutheran W.M.F.,Springfield	A. Odegaard	1	40	36.35	6.53	6.30	8.00							57.18
TOTALS----------Last Year----		29	1373	835.97	444.14	507.53	245.00	96.02	218.47	417.07	391.07	9.30	809.09	3974.82
This Year----		30	1569	1311.30	596.52	635.89	328.20	268.62	845.10	774.41	313.07	25.00	22.56	5120.67

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES (Con't)

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. Arvid North Fa 5-1558

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Mrs. Ferdinand Christensen Fa 5-5318

CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli Fa 5-2030

CHARITIES

Mrs. William Hagestedt Fa 5-3027

BOX WORK

Mrs. Andrew Honcharanko Fa 5-1844

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann Fa 5-5577

SOCIAL ACTION

Mrs. C. P. Everett Fa 5-4465

75th Anniversary Services

1884-1959

First Lutheran Church

ASTORIA, OREGON

Sunday, November 15, 1959

H. Storaasli, Pastor

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OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AS YOU CELEBRATE THIS

HAPPY OCCASION=

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1958

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION HISTORY
The W. M. F. of the First Lutheran Church,
Astoria, Oregon.
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT.
PACIFIC DISTRICT.
Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli

Officers serving during the year were:

President	Mrs. Jens Lervick
Vice President	Mrs. Steen Alsos
Secretary	Mrs. Carl Swensen
Treasurer	Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen

The Program for the year was:

"The Christian Woman Faces Choices."

A special program during the year was a film on "Higher Education."

Gifts were sent to Nome, Alaska and Mission Hospital in Tanganyika, Africa.

Delegates attended Circuit Conventions in Longview, Washington, Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon.

Miss Margaret Nielsen was a delegate to the W.M.F. Convention in Minneapolis in June.

A "Life Membership" was presented to Mrs. Oscar Wraumon by her daughters.

A very successful Bazaar was held in November, which greatly aided the Church financially.

During the year the Senior Guild entertained the W.M.F. with a Tea, an Address by Mrs. F. Christensen on "The Sons of Father Abraham" and a Christmas Party.

The year, under the leadership of Mrs. Lervick was very successful in every way.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna L. Nielsen
Johanna L. Nielsen, Historian
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Astoria, Oregon

Jan. 1959

First Lutheran Mission Society Has Installation

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church at their meeting Wednesday evening, held in the Friendship room, installed the following officers: Mrs. Margaret Lervick, president; Mrs. Steen Alsos, vice president; Mrs. Carl Swensen, secretary, and Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen, treasurer. Installation services were conducted by Mrs. Andrew Nygaard.

Program chairman for the year, Margaret Nielsen, presented the January program "Life Has Meaning and Purpose, But Only in Christ" Ephesians 1:1-14. Mrs. William Hagestedt, charities secretary, gave an interesting report on the charities department, and gave out self-denial envelopes.

Mrs. Lervick handed out the year book for 1959, showing committees appointed, department secretaries selected and the program outlined for each meeting of the year.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Nils Sagen, Mrs. Ed Sather, Mrs. Al Stangland, Mrs. Chris Siverson and Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli.

Lutheran Mission Group Theme Is 'One Certainty'

The February lesson for the Women's Missionary federation of the FirstLutheran church, presented by Mrs. O. M. Olsen in the Friendship room was "The Life in Christ is the One Certainty in an Insecure World," from Ephesians 1:15-23.

Miss Margaret Nielsen, Mrs. Martha Isaacson and Mrs. Bernice Paschall were selected to attend the United Church Women's workshop to be held March 13 at the USO.

The organization was invited to attend the Youth Day program being presented by the Luther League at the church Sunday, March 8, at which a spaghetti dinner will be served at 5 p. m., followed by a movie.

Mrs. Steen Alsos, vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Margaret Lervick, president, and hostesses were the Mesdames Robert Stewart, Eugene Sorenson, Carl Swensen, Bjarne Thomassen, Ray Smith and Sven Lund. The next meeting of the federation will be March 18.

The W. M. F. of First Lutheran is having a "cookless food" sale as a fund-raising project.

Any cash contribution will be appreciated.

Send to - Margaret Nielsen
3720 Duane St.
Astoria, Ore.

Circuit Meeting Calls Lutheran Mission Workers

Members of the Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church, at their meeting in the Friendship room were reminded of and urged to attend the circuit convention, to be held Thursday, at the Lutheran church in Brush Prairie, Wash.

Mrs. Margaret Lervick, president, appointed Mrs. Steen Alsos and Mrs. Martha Isaacson, delegates. Mrs. Carl Kvistad, circuit department secretary of charities, will also attend the convention from here.

The study lesson "The Christ-possessed Life," was presented by Ellen Hansen, followed by discussion and remarks by the Rev. H. Storaasli. It was decided to have a "cookless" food sale.

Refreshments by the April social committee, the Mesdames Grace Zeller, chairman, Charles Wooley, Lewis Wood, Robert Walthers, Lowell Altheide and Emil Anderson, were served at the meeting's close.

Rummage SALE

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The First Lutheran Church – Astoria

April 13th thru 25th

10 A.M. to 5 P.M. DAILY

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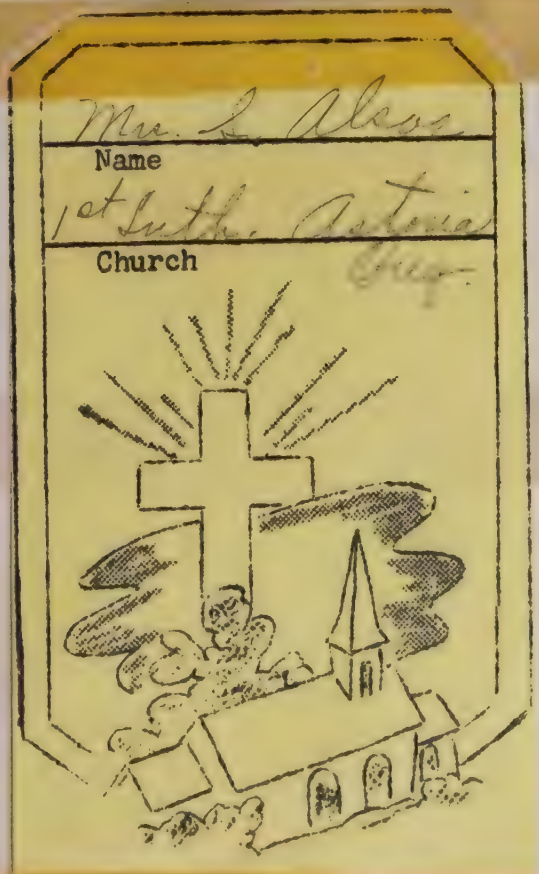

Parkland to Host District Session

The Pacific District Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will open in Parkland, Wash., Monday, June 8.

The convention will be preceded by a district choral union concert in the Memorial Gymnasium of Pacific Lutheran College Sunday, beginning at 7 p.m., according to the church announcement.

Singers from all over the Pacific District of the Church, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, are expected to take part. All members of the American Lutheran Church are invited to sing.

Lutheran Women Mission Group Sets Bazaar Date

MAY - 1959

The Women's Missionary Federatino of the First Lutheran church, at its regular monthly meeting held in the Friendship room, voted to hold the annual bazaar for two days, October 15 and 16, all women organizations of the church to participate.

The Mesdames Carol Nygaard and Madeline Kvistad were chosen as delegates to the WMF district convention to be held June 9 and 10 at Pacific Lutheran college, Parkland, Wash.

The May study lesson on "The Christ Possessed Life" was presented by Mrs. Carl Kvistad. Her theme was "A Fuller Appreciation of the Great Privilege and Responsibility of Church Membership."

Mrs. Oscar Wrausman, life membership and in memoriam secretary, presented an interesting flannel-o-gram illustration of this department's work.

Margaret Lervick, president, presided at the meeting, and hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Gerald Arrington, Steen Alsos, Alan Ahola, Otto Bumala, Chris Anderson and Axel Bernhoff.

Missionaries Called to Parkland

Women of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Pacific district of the Evangelical Lutheran church are eagerly awaiting their 20th biennial convention, to be held on the campus of Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland, Wash., June 9 and 10.

Delegates from the First Lutheran church are Madeline Kvistad and Carol Nygaard.

This being the last convention of the WMF as the ELC, an historical skit entitled "Our Heritage—On This We Build" will be presented. One of the main speakers of the convention will be the new general WMF president, Mrs. Peter Fossum, of Northfield, Minn. Her address will be "Long Enough at This Mountain."

Other speakers will include Dr S. C. Eastvold of Pacific Lutheran college, who will speak on "South Africa;" Dr. Philip Dybvig, home missions; Dr. Paul Empie, national Lutheran council; E Don Moe of Parkland Children's home; and Mrs. Philip Broden, Scio, Ore. Bible studies will be conducted by the Rev. E. Y. Stime of the Lutheran Bible institute in Seattle.

One of the outstanding visitors at the convention will be Mrs. Grace Tocktoo, an Alaskan Christian who is president of the WMF at Nome. There will be displays featuring the new mission in Brazil, and Parkland Children's Home. Mrs. O. M. Munson, Portland, president of the Pacific district WMF will preside at all the sessions.

Visitors are asked to register but there will be no fee. Free nursery care will be provided. Reservations for housing may be mailed to the housing committee, Pacific Lutheran college, Tacoma, 44, Wash.

June -

July

Lutheran WMF Hears Report on Dist. Convention

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church held their June meeting recently in the Friendship room, with President Margaret Lervick presiding.

The June study lesson on "The Christ-Possessed Life" was presented by Mrs. C. P. Everett and her topic was "A Greater Appreciation of the Need for Maturity in the Christian Life."

A report was given by the cradle roll secretary Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli.

Delegates Mrs. Steen Alsos and Mrs. Martha Isaacson, gave reports on the recent circuit convention held at the Lutheran church in Brush Prairie, Wash. Others attending were Mrs. Andrew Nygaard, Mrs. Carl Kvistad, Mrs. Oscar Wrausman, Mrs. Olga Henningsen, Miss Margaret Nielsen and Miss Jessie Miller. Mrs. Kvistad is circuit department of charities secretary.

Further plans were discussed for the annual bazaar which will be held at the church on October 15-16.

Reports were brought from the WMF district convention held at the Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland, Wash., June 9-10 by delegates Mrs. Andrew Nygaard and Mrs. Carl Kvistad. Miss Margaret Nielsen from the local WMF also attended this convention.

The ladies aid invited the members and friends to attend their Centennial luncheon July 11 at 1 o'clock at the church dining room.

Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Myron Bue, Paul Branham, Charles Berry, Allen Bue, Kenneth Bue and F. M. Christensen.

The next meeting will be July 15.

First Lutheran Bazaar, Birthday Being Planned

When the Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church held its July meeting in the Friendship room. Lesson "A Fuller Appreciation of the Fact that Christian Faith is to be Manifest in Christian Living," Eph. 4:25 - 5:20, was presented by Mrs. Oscar Wrausman.

A report and talk on "Social Action" was given by department secretary Mrs. C. P. Everett.

Further plans for the annual bazaar to be held October 15 and 16 were brought to the members attention, and it was voted to give assistance to the TV Funds for the Lutheran TV progfam "Thru the Port Hole."

It was unanimously decided to appoint committees from each organization of the church to work on plans for the 75th anniversary activities, which are planned for this fall.

Margaret Lervick, president, presided at the meeting and hostesses for the evening were the mesdames Ole Englund, C. P. Everett, Eilif Fornees, John Fremstad, Elmer Forseth and Fritz Fremstad.

The next regular meeting will be held August 19th.

Lutheran Church Parsonage to Be Dedicated Soon

Sunday, November 15, has been set for the 75th Congregational anniversary celebration and dedication of the parsonage, now being built, by the First Lutheran church.

Dr. H. L. Foss, president, Pacific district Evangelical Lutheran church, will deliver both the 11 a.m. service and the dedication address.

The dedication service is planned for 3 p.m., and is to be followed by a fellowship supper at 5:30 p.m.

Margaret Neilsen, chairman of the planning group held a meeting at her home Tuesday evening. Other committee members are the Rev. H. Storaasli, Elmer Hauke, Mrs. Oscar Wrausman, Mrs. Carl Kvistad and Mrs. Myron Bue.

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Group Lines Up Events On Fall Schedule

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church met in the Friendship room Wednesday evening, with the Mesdames Melvin Hjorten, Ed Hjorten, John Hjorten, Andrew Honcharenko, Rosa Hansen and Eric Hauke serving as hostesses.

The meeting was presided over by President Margaret Lervick.

The lesson, "A Deeper Appreciation of Satan as a Constant Theat to Our Life in Christ and to a Greater Dependence on the Crucified Christ," taken from Ephesians 6:10-16, was presented by Mrs. Ferd Christensen.

It was announced that election of officers would be in October and President Margaret Lervick appointed the following nominating commite: Olga Heningsen, chairman; Lenore Rasmussen and Mrs. Ed Hjorten.

An invitation was extended to the organization from the Columbia hospital auxiliary to attend the tea Wednesday, September 30, at the Methodist church in the afternoon from to 2-4 p.m., and from 7 o'clock on.

The Ladies' aid announced they were serving dinner for the Brotherhood meeting Thursday evening, September 24.

Special announcement to all members and friends was the "Debt Retirement" special service which will be held Sunday, September 20, at the church.

Final plans were made for the Harvest bazaar to be held at the church Thursday and Friday, October 15-16. Buffet lunch will be served each day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinners from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and coffee 'an' all day. It was decided the traditional Norwegian fish balls and meat balls would be served at both dinners. The bazaar will feature baked foods, fancywork, aprons, candy, novelties, mystery packages and a fish pond.

The next meeting will be held on October 28.

Harvest Bazaar

First Lutheran Church

33RD AND GRAND

Wednesday and Thursday

October 14 and 15

Norwegian Fish Ball and Meat Ball
Dinners Served Both Evenings
5:30 to 7 P.M.

ADULTS $1.50 CHILDREN, 6 to 12, 50c

BUFFET LUNCHES
COFFEE AN'S BOTH DAYS

APRONS - FANCY WORK - MYSTERY TABLES -
CANDY - BAKED FOODS - FISH POND

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charge. There were more than 300 present and out of town guests were Mrs. Walter Franz, Enid, Wash.; Mrs. Bessie Cox, Classon Point; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hagle and family, Spokane; the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Mollien and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Refty, Portland; Miss Joann Storaasli, Miss Gail Hauke and William Latimer, all from Pacific Lutheran college, Parkland, Wash., and a large group from the Lutheran church, Chinook, Wash.

REV. AND MRS. H. STORAASLI

Pastor, Wife Honored for 2 Occasions

Friends and relatives of the Rev. and Mrs. Hjalmer Storaasli met at the First Lutheran church recently to commemorate their 25th wedding anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the Rv. Mr. Storaasli's ordination to the ministry.

To the strains of the wedding march, Mrs. Storaasli, wearing her wedding gown, was escorted by Clair Egtevedt, while the Rev. Mr. Storaasli was escorted by their daughter Joann.

Program First

The program started with a prayer by Mrs. Ferd Christensen, and the welcome by Richard Goin, master of ceremonies. A selection by the junior choir, led by Bjarne Thomassen, followed, after which Mrs. Phillip Everett read the poem "Silver Bells," written by the Rev. Mr. Hoifjeld of the First Lutheran church, Ohland, Calif. Miss Gail Hauke presented a piano solo, and the Rev. Jerald Moilien, of the Central Lutheran church, Portland, gave an address, followed by selections by the women's choir of the Chinook Lutheran church.

Then Refreshments

After the program refreshments were served in the church parlor, where tables were colorfully decorated with autumn flowers and filled with a tempting array of delicacies for the occasion.

The wedding cake was in the shape of a large cross, with two ceramic wedding bells on it, which were made by Mrs. Petra Henningsen. Cutting the cake were Mrs. Jens Lervick, president of the Women's Missionary federation, and Mrs. Randall Rasmussen, president of the Alderbrook guild. Pouring were Mrs. Carl Swenson, president of the Senior guild and Mrs. Petra Henningsen, president of the Ladies aid. Mrs. Connie Piland, president of the Luther league, was in charge of the guest book and Miss Carolyn Thomassen served at the punch bowl.

Eric Hauke was master of ceremonies during the refreshment hour, at which time greetings to the honored guests were read, from out of town friends and relatives. Also congratulations were given from the officers of the local church organizations.

Poems and Gifts

Several poems were read by Mrs. Emily Olson and at the close of the evening's festivities, a gift box was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Storaasli, and a special gift was presented from the congregation of the Chinook uLtheran church, Chinook, in appreciation of the Storaasli's service to that congregation.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Storaasi were married in the Central Lutheran church in Spokane, August 4, 1934, and a short time after their marriage, in September, the pastor was ordained.

This dual celebration was arranged by the organizations of the First Lutheran church with the Women's Missionary federation in

PARTY FOR PASTOR, WIFE OF DOUBLE IMPORTANCE

The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Storaasli will be honored Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Lutheran church at a reception that has a two-fold importance. It is the 25th anniversary of the Storaaslis' wedding anniversary and also the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Storaasli's ordination to the ministry. Friends, neighbors and members of the church are all invited to the program which starts at 4 p.m.

25th Wedding Anniv

Pastor Staraasli + Mrs. Staraasli

14 Churches To Take Part

Delegates from 14 churches are expected to attend the ninth annual fall convention of the Columbia Circuit Women's Missionary Federation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Central Lutheran church.

Convention theme will be "The Christian Woman Seeks Guidance."

On the program will be Mrs. Jerrold Moilien, wife of the Central Lutheran Church pastor; Mrs. Floyd Schuld, president of Central Lutheran WMF; Mrs Jake Flaskerud of Longview, Wash., circuit home mission secretary; and the Rev. Morris V. Dalton, assistant pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

Missionary to Speak

Mrs. Guy Ness of Seattle, district home mission secretary, will speak in the morning, and the Rev. Erling Helland, missionary from Formosa, in the afternoon.

From the day's offering, $75 will go to the Pacific Lutheran College WMF scholarship fund, and the remainder for missionary work in Nome, Alaska and in Brazil.

Lutheran Women Missionary Group Elects Officers

Margaret Nielsen was elected president of the Women's Missionary federation of First Lutheran church, when it met recently in the Friendship room.

Also elected were Margaret Lervick, vice-president; Olga Henningsen, secretary; and Magnhild Arrington, treasurer. They will be installed in January.

Mrs. Nielsen was elected delegate to the ninth annual fall convention of the Columbia circuit women's missionary federation of the Evangelican Lutheran church, to be held Wednesday at Central Lutheran church, Portland. Theme of the convention will be "The Christian Woman Seeks Guidance."

Mrs. Andrew Nygaard led the study lesson. Hostesses were the Mesdames Joe Henningsen, Petra Henningsen, Elmer Hauke, Palmer Henningsen, Edmund Hansen, Martha Hansen and William Hagestad.

Former Pastors Are Coming Here For Dedication

Of interest to their friends in Astoria is the expected visits of the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore P. Neste, the Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Kutz, and Mrs. Theodore Gulhaugen. They have all served the congregation of the First Lutheran church and will be here to extend a word of greeting November 15, when the church observes its diamond jubilee as a congregation. Final arrangements and programing were made when the committee in charge met recently at the home of Mrs. Carl Kvistad.

The Right Rev. H. L. Foss, president of north Pacific district, will be the main speaker at both the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services. He will also dedicate the new parsonage at this time.

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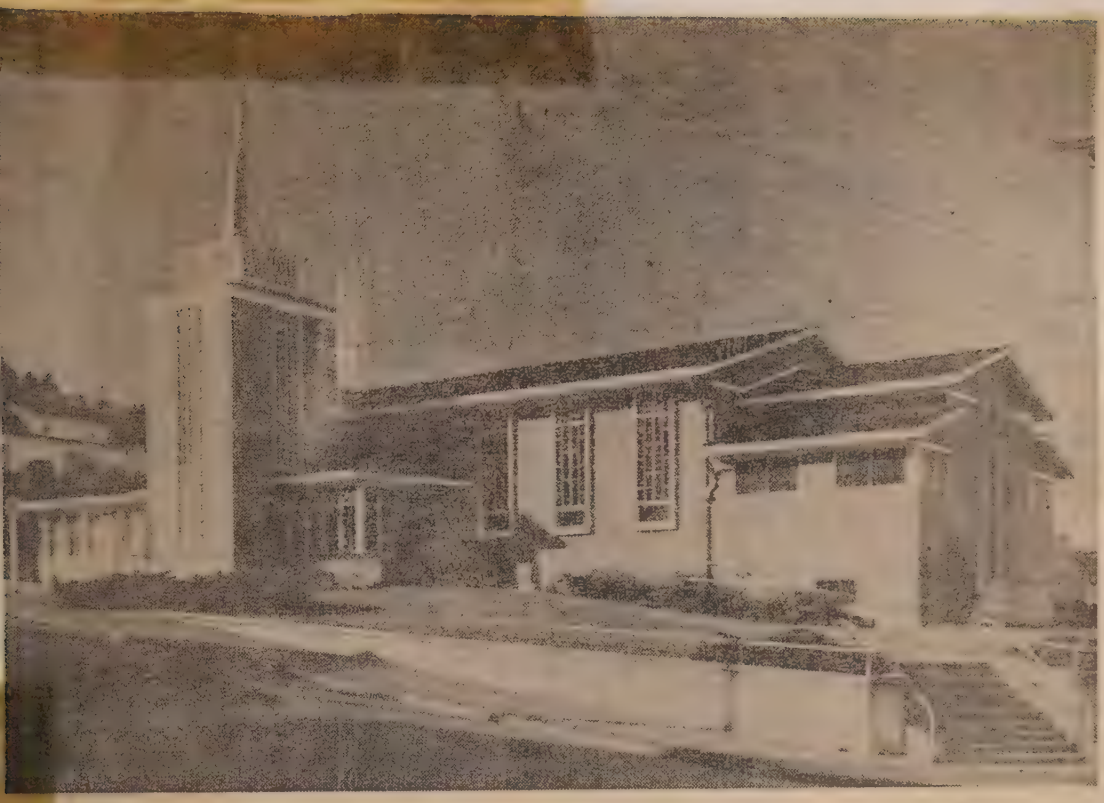

The First Lutheran church, shown here, is the new structure which was dedicated in 1954. Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli announced that two former pastors will attend the anniversary celebration to be held at the church Sunday. Anniversary Festival service will begin at 11 a.m.

Shown on the left is the new parsonage which will be dedicated Sunday afternoon. The building which cost about $37,000, brings to an end the church's long range building program.

Church Marks Anniversary

The First Lutheran church of Astoria will cclebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday morning and the same afternon will dedicate the new church parsonage.

The Right Rev. H. L. Foss, president of the North Pacific district of the Evangelical Lutheran church, will give the festival anniversary sermon at 11 a.m. and will also officiate at the dedication of the parsonage at the 3 p.m. service.

The church was incorporated in 1884 with the Rev. H. Engh serving as pastor.

The Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli, pastor since 1948, said the church and parsonage property now represents an investment of $175,000. The new church was dedicated in 1954, but the indebtedness has been reduced to about $20,000, the pastor said.

"With the new parsonage, representing an investment of about $37,000, to be dedicated Sunday, the building program is now terminated. We are grateful we can make this announcement on the date of our 75th anniversary," the Rev. Mr. Storaasli said.

Both the anniversary and dedication services are open to friends and members of the First Lutheran church, the pastor announced.

Following the dedication services, refreshments will be served and an open house will be held to greet former pastors and their wives.

Expected to attend the celebration are the Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Neste, who now live in Spokane. The Rev. Mr. Neste served in Astoria from 1906 to 1923. The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Kutz, Seattle, will also attend. The Rev. Mr. Kutz served as interim pastor in 1948 until the arrival of the present pastor.

Mrs. Theodore Gulhaugen will bring greetings from the Rev. Mr. Gulhaugen who is unable to attend. The Rev. Mr. Gulhaugen now living in Sacramento, Calif., served the church for 11 years ending in 1948.

Featured during the day with special choral numbers will be the senior choir, under the direction of Earl Barnard, who recently came to Astoria as musical director in the Astoria junior high school. The junior choir, which has been directed by Bjarne Thomassen for several years, will also perform.

Church organist is Miss Helen Nygaard.

Observe Anniversary

H. L. FOSS

HJALMAR STORAASLI

First Lutheran church will observe its 75th anniversary with ceremonies Sunday. Among leading participants will be the Rev. H. L. Foss, left, district president of the church organization, and the Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli, pastor. **(More details and pictures on Page 8)**

First Lutheran Church to Mark 75th Anniversary

Celebrating the diamond jubilee of its incorporation in 1884, the First Lutheran church is planning special festival services November 15. At this time the congregation will also dedicate the new parsonage which has been erected on property adjoining the church.

A Lutheran church in Astoria was dreamed of by the Norwegian immigrants early in the 1870's but attempts to organize met with little success. In 1876 the Norwegian Lutheran synod of America sent the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Christensen and family west to help in the development of the Lutheran church on the coast. They built a home just one block east of the present church building. Here the family lived and church activities were started. But since the Rev. Mr. Christensen was the only Lutheran minister of this synod north of San Francisco and west of the Rocky mountains he held only monthly services here and divided the rest of his time among the various parts of the Pacific Northwest.

January 27, 1877 the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized. The Rev. Mr. Christensen was unanimously elected to serve as pastor. Lutheran services were held in an Episcopal chapel, sometimes in a school house and even in the upstairs of a cannery. Before the incorporation, besides the Rev. Mr. Christensen, the Rev. Mr. Ellefson, the Rev. Mr. Bull, the Rev. Mr. Carlson and the Rev. Mr. Hoikka served the congregation.

October 2, 1884, articles of incorporation were formally adopted under the name of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church. The congregation has existed continuously through the years since that date.

One of the members at the time of the incorporation was Miss Marit Settem who later married Jens Nielsen. She was a member until her death and three of her children, Johanna, Margaret and Carl, are still members of the congregation. Mrs. Eilif Forness and her children and Mrs. Albert Paldanius, all present members, are daughters of Oluf Petersen, another charter member.

Other families wtih long time memberships are the Chris Siversons and the Eric Hauke Sr. family. Ferdinand Christensen and his family are descendants of the Rev. Mr. Christensen.

After the incorporation the following pastors served; the Rev. Mr. Hove in 1890, the Rev. Mr. Levorsen, 1891, the Rev. Mr. Nissen, 1893, and the Rev. Mr. Tonnesen, 1894-96.

The Rev. O. M. Holden, brother of Mrs. Pete Henningsen, was the first full-time pastor. He began his service here in 1897. Other pastors who have served the church are: the Rev. H. W. Sorenson, 1905-06; the Rev. Mr. Aaberg, interim pastor; the Rev. T. P. Neste, 1906-1921; the Rev. Carl Losen, 1921-1927; the Rev. M. A. Christensen, 1927-36 son of the Rev. Emil Christensen; the Rev. Theodore Gulhaugen, 1936-1948, whose wife is a granddaughter of the Rev. Emil Christensen; the Rev. Leonard Kutz, 1948, interim pastor, and the Rev. Hjalmer Storaasli, present pastor, who has been serving since 1948.

In recent years the word Norwegian has been dropped from the church name and it is now known as the First Lutheran church. Although in earlier times at least half of the services were in the Norwegian language, and most of the members or their families had come from Norway, today the services are all in English and the membership is now [illegible] American.

First Lutheran Sets Rites

This altar which is in the Sunday school room in the basement of the new First Lutheran church was taken from the original church.

Shown in the sanctuary of the First Lutheran church. The church will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation Sunday.

Astoria, Oregon
Nov. II, I959

Dear members and friends of the First Lutheran Church;

Next Sunday, Nov. I5'th, will be recorded in the records of our church as one of those congregational "red letter" days. As you already know the congregation of First Lutheran will observe the commemoration of its 75'th anniversary. For a congregation to know a continuing history for 75 years is in itself quite an event. On the Pacific Coast marginal areas of the church's work, this is made more eventful because only two other congregations in our church's Pacific District have attained to this age, one in San Francisco and the other at Stanwood, Wash. So this too makes for historical importance. It is a further token of the Lord's grace and mercy among us.

We have tried to arrange a fitting one-day observance of this event. The anniversary service will be held at the regular worship hour of II.00 a.m. At this service, Dr. H.L. Foss, Pres. of the E.L.C. Pacific District will speak. In the afternoon at 3.00 o'clock, the parsonage dedicatory service will be held. In this service of course the thought of "anniversary will also be maintained. Dr. Foss will perform the rite of dedication. Special choir anthems and vocal numbers will be heard. Greetings will come to us by civic represenatives, from circuit groups and from former pastors which include Rev. T. Neste, Rev. L. Kutz. Mrs. T. Gulhaugen, wife of Pastor T. Gulgaugen, former pastor of the church will bring greetings from Sacramento. Immediately following the afternoon service a buffet styled supper will be served in the dining areas of the church. From there we are asked to go in procession to the new parsonage which at that time will be open for inspection.

Well, altogether, this sounds like a big day. Let us all do our best to make it this kind of a day at both morning and afternoon services. Certainly this invitation is extended equally and cordially to all non-members and friends of the church. We will be happy to see you too.

COMMUNION NOTE - While our next Communion Service is several Sundays away, we ask you to think of this seriously now. Are you one of those who at the last service "should have been there"

SENIOR CHOIR NOTE - If you have a choir voice, you are never too old for the choir. If you have spent long years in the choir, you are the ones who can give direction and inspiration to the younger members. We think Mr. Barnard, our new and capable choir director will appreciate this interest. The church will too.

TO THE MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN - The pre-school departmental Sunday School teachers have compiled a little booklet of songs and Bible passages. Will the mothers of these take time to help the little ones with the words and songs. Christian nurture should always begin at home. The Sunday School is here to help you. All those who helped in the compilation of these are sincerely thanked.

LEST WE FORGET - The Christian Church is in the business of "Salvation" If any one who reads this and through Satanic worldliness is frittering away your Gospel opportunities to get right with God through the blood of the Cross - this warning is for you. Eternity is a long time and there is no second chance. If you are going to choose for Christ, do it now. Today may be your last chance. Time is not your own.

NOTE - Those who still have uncalled-for dishes left over from the bazaar are asked to get them. These can be in the way.

Storaasli-Pastor-I'st Lutheran
Astoria, Ore.

Mrs. Olga Henningsen, left, and Mrs. Nedra Christensen, past presidents of the Women's Missionary federation, poured at the refreshment hour when First Lutheran church celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Sunday.

First Lutheran Church Observes Diamond Jubilee

The sun shone brightly Sunday, when friends and members of the church came from far and near to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and parsonage dedication at First Lutheran church.

Approximately 350 people attended both the 11 a. m. anniversary service and the 3 p.m. parsonage dedication.

Dr. H. L. Foss, president of Pacific district of the Lutheran churches, delivered both the morning and afternoon addresses.

The junior choir, under the direction of Bjarne Thomassen, sang "All the Way with Him" and "Blessed Cross," while "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Bless This House" were sung by the senior choir, directed by Earl Barnard. Dan Hall sang "The Lord's Prayer" for the dedication.

Others taking part in the service were the Rev. H. Storaasli, pastor of the church; the Rev. L. Bloom, Chinook; the Rev. T. Neste, Spokane; the Rev. L. Kutz, Seattle; Mrs. T. Gulhaugen, Sacramento, and the Rev. W. E. Putnam, president of the Astoria Ministerial association; Mrs. O. Munson, district WMA president, and Arnold Swanson, city commissioner.

Following the dedication service, refreshments were served in the church parlors from a table decorated with a fall arrangement of autumn leaves and flowers with tall tapers surrounding an open Bible.

Mrs. Olga Henningsen and Mrs. Nedra Christensen, both past presidents of the Women's Missionary federation, poured during the refreshment hour.

To The First Lutheran Church of
Astoria, Oregon we send our best
wishes for God's continued blessings
as you celebrate your Diamond Jubilee.

The First Lutheran Church of
Mount Vernon, Washington
Harold L. Soine
Harold L. Soine
President of the Congregation

Philippians 4:4

Because this is a happy
And important day to you,
It holds a special interest
For the folks who know you, too,
That's why this special greeting
Comes especially to say
How many thoughts and wishes, too,
Are there with you today.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
First Avenue at Edgewood, Seaside, Oregon
Telephone REdfield 8-6791

ROBERT W. VARBLOW, Pastor
1220 S. Columbia
REdfield 8-7472

The Rev. H. Storaasli
First Lutheran Church
33rd and Grand
Astoria, Oregon

November 17, 1959

Dear Pastor Storaasli:

The Pastor and people of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside extend to you and your good people our most sincerest and hearty congratulations on the ocassion of your 75th Anniversary.

May God continue to bless your work in this part of his kingdom. May First Lutheran Church always be a beason of light in the darkness of this world, that the weary traveler may find rest, hope and salvation in the message that you preach and the Christ that you share.

With warmest personal greeting, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Varblow

Robert W. Varblow,
For the people of Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church, Seaside.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION HISTORY
THE W .M.F. OF the FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Astoria , Oregon
Columbia Circuit
Pacific District
Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli

Officers serving during the year were:

President	Mrs. Jens Lervick
Vice President	Mrs. Steen Alsos
Secretary	Mrs. Carl Swensen
Treasurer	Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen

The program for the year was:
"The Christ - Possessed Life "

Activities during the year were :
Delegates attended the United Church Women's work shop held in Astoria at the U.S.O. House.
Refreshments were served during the year to the Service Men at the U.S.O. House.
Dinners were served to the Lutheran Brotherhood.
The W.M.F. had a very successful "cookless food " sale, Rummage sale, Bazaar and dinner.

Delegates attended the Circuit Convention at Brush Prairie, Wash., The 20th Biennial convention at Parkland, Wash., Circuit convention at Central Lutheran - Portland, Oregon.

A Life Membership pin was presented to Mrs. Leonard Johnson.by the Ladies ' Aid.

Funds were given to the Lutheran T V program "Through the Port Hole ", the New Mission church in Nome , Alaska., Thank Offerung, Self Denial and the Church budget.

On Nov. 15th the church celebrated it's 75th anniversary - The Diamond Jubilee and dedicated the new parsonage.

At this time the Rev. & Mrs. Storaasli were honored with a reception on their 25th wedding anniversary . It was also the 25th anniversary of Rev. Storaasli's ordination into the ministry.

The year ended pleasantly with the annual invitation to the Sr. Guild's Christmas party for all the women of the church.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Lervick the year ended very successfully.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna L. Nielsen
Johanna L. Nielsen- Historian
First Lutheran Church
Astoria, Oregon

1959

Mission Group Hears Report on Fall Convention

The Women's Missionary federation of the First Lutheran church held its November meeting recently in the Friendship room during which Margaret Nielson, delegate from the local group, gave an informative report on the ninth annual fall convention of the Columbia circuit Women's Missionary federation of the Evangelical Lutheran church, recently held in Portland, theme of the convention was Woman Seeks Guidance."

Box work chairman Mrs. Joe Henningsen gave report from that department and Nedra Christensen, Christian nurture chairman, presented a report on Christian nurture activities. A thank offering was taken and literature presented by thank offering chairman Mrs. Arvid North.

Arrangements were made for the organization to serve at the USO December 6 and 10.

An invitation was extended from the Senior guild to attend the Christmas party to be held at the church December 2, at which time cash gifts will be presented to the new Mission church in Nome, Alaska.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Paula Jensen, chairman, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Mrs. Carl Kvistad, Mrs. Walter Kelm and Mrs. Alfreda Lovvold.

The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday in January, at which time the new officers for the year 1960 will be installed.

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Astoria - Oregon.

Margaret M. Nielsen

President – 1960

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

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Margaret Nielsen
First Lutheran, Astoria

Film Shown To Lutheran Missionaries

Hulda Wrausman, chairman of life memberships and In Memorium, showed a film "Beyond the Symbol" at the meeting of the Women's Missoinary federation of the First Lutheran church Wednesday night in the children's chapel of the church. After the film, she presented a project wheel showing the distribution of monies, and read a list of 37 women who had received life membership pins and four in memorium.

Jessie Miller, program chairman, was in charge calling on Beatrice Swensen who read "The Miracle of Spring," from a book by Reuben K. Youngdahl, after which she read the 12th chapter of Romans for the devotions.

Mrs. Miller closed the meeting by reading a folder "Our Responsibilities as Christians to Our Government."

President Margaret Nielsen named Margaret Sorenson and Mrs. Wrausman delegates to the Columbia circuit meeting in Longview, and Mrs. Swenson announced that the Senior guild will hold a Hawaiian party at the church June 17, to which all women are invited.

Margaret Lervick extended greetings from Martha Isaacson, a former member, who now lives in Silverton, and whom she met at the recent Willamette circuit meeting in Albany.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Arvid North, Marvin Irby, Robert Moen Nels Sagen, W. L. Wood, Selmer Tuveng and Miss Frances Gustaison.

NINTH ANNUAL AND FINAL CONVENTION
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT W.M.F.
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Longview, Washington
May 19, 1960

Lutheran Mission Group Installs Officers for 1960

Outgoing President Margaret Lervick opened the first meeting of the new year of the Women's Missionary federation at the First Lutheran church Friday night.

Program chairman Emily Olsen and Jessie Miller had the group sing "I Love To Tell the Story" and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," after which Mrs. Olsen presented the devotions, based on the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Margaret Nielsen presented a short talk on charities after which she handed out self-denial envelopes to the members.

Nedra Christensen was installing officer for Margaret Nielsen, president; Margaret Lervick, vice-president; Olga Henningsen, secretary; Magnhild Arrington, treasurer.

Mrs. Nielsen named the following committee chairmen to serve with her: Mrs. Carl Kvistad, hospitality; Mrs. O. M. Olson, program, and Jessie Miller, program; Frances Gustafson, telephone; Mrs. Edmund Hansen, promotion and publicity; Mrs. William Hagesstedt, charities; Mrs. Frank Johnson, home missions; Mrs. Andrew Olsen, foreign missions; Mrs. Albert Luukinen, education; Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann, life membership and in memoriam; Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli, cradle roll; Mrs. C. P. Everett, social action; Mrs. Eugene Sorenson, literature; Miss Johanna Nielsen, historian; Mrs. Ferd Christensen, Christian nuture; Mrs. Carl Kvistad, thank offering-evangelism; Mrs. Joe Henningsen, stewardship-box work; Clara Forness, radio and TV; Nora Bue, sunshine.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Jens Lervick, H. Lovveld, B. T. Larson, Martin Jorgenson, Ben Lien and Miss Jessie Miller.

Lutheran Women Aid Missions With Denial Fund

Members of the Women's Missionary federation of the First Lutheran church handed in their self-denial envelopes following the program on charities, presented by Jean Hagerstedt, charities chairman, at Wednesday evening's meeting.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Margaret Nielsen, president, after which a hymn was led by Emily Olsen, program chairman, and Jessie Miller read from the 14th chapter of the book of Acts. Grace Johnson, home missions chairman, gave a reading on mission work in Nome, Alaska.

The refreshment table was appropriately decorated with flags, pssywillows and red tapers on a wihte cloth. Hostesses for the event were the Mesdames Andrew Nygaard, J. D. Lawson, E. Kairola, A. Lokan, S. Lunch and A. Lyster.

Mission Group At 1st Lutheran To Repeat Bazaar

At the March meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church, it was decided to have the usual yearly bazaar, the dates to be announced later. Lenore Hauke will act as dinner chairman.

The Rev. Storaasli announced the Lenten services are being held each Thursday evening during Lent, at 7:30 p.m.

Margaret Nielsen, president, presided at the meeting with Mrs. Earl Barnard giving the devotion. An inspirational program on foreign missions was presented by Mrs. Andrew Olson, followed by a film, "The True Way," a story about Hong Kong.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Robert Paschall, A. Mittet, George Furquerson, E. Mittet, Joe Peschle and Jack Beyers.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening April 20, at which time mission boxes will be collected and Mrs. Albert Luukinen will present a report on "Christian Education."

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran Church

Rummage Sale

April 25 thru May 7

Young Bldg.

14th and Commercial Sts.

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Higher Education Sets Lutheran Federation Topic

"Higher Education" was the theme of the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation when they met Wednesday night in the church.

Emily Olsen, program chairman, opened the program by having the group sing "Abide With Us, Our Savior," after which Janice Everett gave the devotions based on free translations into modern English on "The Dangers of the Tongue," taken from the fourth chapter of the Book of James.

Venus Luukinen, chairman of higher education, presented a film on "Christian College Education" after which she read a letter from Miss Gail Hauke, who attends Pacific Lutheran college in Parkland, Wash., giving a student's viewpoint of a "Christian college. She mentioned that the dimensions of Pacific Lutheran college are changing daily both in size and student enrollment to a university status, but that the spiritual guidance and Christian fellowship never changes.

A discussion followed at which time the Rev. H. Storaasli announced that Sunday would be Christian college .day, and that Roy Johnson, a student at Pacific Lutheran college would be guest speaker.

A short meeting followed as President Margaret Nielsen lined up workers for a sale now in progress. Margaret Sorenson announced that the church library book shelves would be placed in room five.

Mrs. Nielsen announced the Columbia circuit meeting would be held in Longview, May 19. Each organization will furnish a layette for Lutheran World Relief. Members were reminded that Messenger subscriptions must be sent in in May.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. John Person, Mrs. Grace Zeller, Mrs. George Fulton, Mrs. George Moskovita and Mrs. Gus Peterson.

Skit Given For Lutheran Missionaries

President Margaret Nielsen opened the June meeting of the First uLtheran Missionary federation Wednesday evening and then turned it over to Emily Olsen, program chairman.

A skit "Mixed Up Molly" was presented by a cast composed of Carolyn Thomassen, as mother Olsen, and her three daughters, played by Connie Piland, Marian Bue and Olga Nygaard. The play was presented by Mrs. H. Storaasli, cradle roll chairman, who read an article on the cradle roll prior to the play.

Olga Henningsen reported on the box work, telling of the layettes, which had been sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Delegates to the Columbia circuit convention, held in Longview recently reported as follows: Hulda Wrausmann on the theme of the convention, "This I Command You, to Love One Another," and Margaret Sorensen on the main speaker, an African misisonary.

Mrs. Carl Swensen invited all the women to the Senior guild Hawaiian tea to be held next Friday. The fall bazaar was tentatively set for the second week in October, the date to be definitely set by the executive board and the chairmen from the various groups.

The group voted to send $10 to a radio-TV program..

Mrs. Ben Howe who recently lost everything in a fire, was given a miscellaneous shower.

Hostess for the evening were the Mesdames Randall Rasmussen, Ed Paldanius, E. Isaacson, J. Van Osdol and A. Paldanius. Mrs. Edmund Hansen led the devotions.

Lutheran Church Has New Library Guild Is Told

The First Lutheran church has a new library within the building and Margaret Sorenson will make an index file of all the books on the new shelves set up in room five.

This was announced to members of the Missionary federation of the church when it met recently in the Friendship room. Jessie Miller, program chairman, led the opening hymn and read the devotions.

Janice Everett, social action secretary, used as her theme "Love Thy Neighbor," speaking on borderline literature, alcoholism and projects to better the community. Clara Fornes reported on radio and TV programs.

Plans for the annual Harvest bazaar, to be held November 3 and 4 were discussed the remainder of the evening, after which hostesses the Mesdames E. Sather, Johanna Nielsen, D. S. Weisner, C. Siverson and O. M. Olsen served refreshments to the 30 members present from a sweetpea and taper centered table.

August 1960

Missionary Program Has Anniversary

A history program "Our WMF Through 42 Years" was the theme for the Women's Missionary federation meeting at First Lutheran church Wednesday evening.

History Related

Misss Jessie Miller was moderator for the program recalling achievements of the WMF through 42 years. She called on Johanna Nielsen, history chaiman, who presented the history of the WMF both nationwide and here in Astoria, where the WMF of the First Lutheran Church was organized on June 20, 1951. The first officers were Olga Henningsen, president; Frances Gustafson, vice president; Hulda Wrausmann, secretary; and Bernice Paschill, treasurer.

The following women have served as presidents of the local WMF: 1951: Olga Henningsen; 1953, Nedra Christensen; 1954 - 55, Madeline Kvistad; 1956-57, Carol Nygaard, 1958-59, Margaret Lervick, and 1960, Margaret Nielsen. During these years the new church was built and dedicated September 15, 1954.

New Church Dedicated

The 75th anniversary of the church was celebrated November 15, 1959, and the new parsonage dedicated at that time. Margaret Sorenson, literature chairman, spoke on literature and Bible study series presented by the WMF.

Lucy Olsen, foreign mission chairman, spoke on the commisison to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth as the compelling force in the conception of the WMF, with missions as their first concern.

Life membership and in memoriam chairman Hulda Wrausmann stressed the two-fold purpose of "giving honor where honor is due" while it supplied additional funds over and beyond the budget. In the absence of Anna Storaasli, cradle roll chairman, Marjorie Hendrickson told about the cradle roll plan where one dollar was sent to the general mission treasury of the church for every child under 4 years of age, who was baptized and enrolled in the WMF cradle roll, the money used to bring the Gospel to other children of the world.

Others Report

Charities and box work was presented by Grace Johnson. Mrs. Albert Luukinen, Christian Education secretary told about the Christian higher education and the scholarships and loan funds available to those who wished to further their education for Chritsian service. Clara Forness, radio and TV chairman spoke on the twoo as a media of proclaiming Christ to the world. Social action Secretary Janice Everett told how the social action department has offered helpful suggestions and guidance in meeting social as well as spiritual problems which confronted children and young people. Ellen Hansen, promotion secretary, spoke on the conventions and publications of the WMF. Jessie Miller closed the program by having the group sing a hymn.

Announcements And Appointments

President Margaret Nielsen announced the Harvest Bazaar dates as November 3 and 4. Margaret Sorenson, library chairman, announced that the library of the church was ready for books and that she was busy compiling material for some. She asked for donations of good books.

The president apopinted the following on the nominating committee, Grace Johnson, chairman, Hilma Alsos and Janice Everett.

President Nielsen gave a merger report, stating that starting in 1961 the WMF would be known as American Lutheran Church Women. She also said that the suggestion title of this local group be First Lutheran Church Women. She appointed Hulda Wrausmann as a delegate to represent our church at the North Pacific district meeting at Pacific Lutheran college, Parkland, Wash., August 22.

Hostess for the evening were Mrs. Robert Stewart, Mrs. Andrew Petersen, Mrs. Arnold Johnson Jr., Mrs. Eugene Sorenson and Mrs. R. E. Walthers.

Evangelism Skit Given Lutheran Missionary Group

A skit "Occupation-Evangelist" was given at the Wednesday night meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church in the Friendship room.

Those taking part were Madeline Kvistad, Nedra Christensen, Wilma Englund, Margaret Sorenson and Grace Johnson. Mrs. Kvistad also read an article on evangelism, after which members sang a hymn and the thank offering envelopes were handed out.

President Margaret Nielsen, Hulda Wrausmann and Joy Barnard attended the constituting convention held at Faith Lutheran church in Portland Saturday, and Miss Nielsen announced that the local federation is in the North Pacific district now and that the new district president is Mrs. Walter Brunner of Gladstone. Theme of the convention was to use what talents we have and further reports will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

The constitution will be read at the November meeting, to which all presidents of the various organizations of the church are urged to send their members. The meeting of stewardship was told by Mrs. Wrausmann.

Final Plans for the Harvest Bazaar, to be held Thursday and Friday, November 3 and 4, were announced by Mrs. Eric Hauke, chairman. Miss Nielsen announced that the United Church Women World Community Day will be November 4 at the Christian church.

Jessie Miller was program chairman for the day, and the devotions were presented by Grace Zeller.

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Norwegian Fish Ball and Meat Ball Dinners
SERVED BOTH EVENINGS
5:30 to 7 P.M.
Adults $1.50 Children Under 12—50c

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Lutheran Merger Explained to Mission Group

A lively and interested discussion followed the explanation of the new merger of several synods of the Lutheran church under the name of the American Lutheran church, given by the Rev. H. Storaasli at the recent meeting of the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation.

President Margaret Nielsen turned the meting over to Emily Olsen, program chairman, for the pastor's address. Mrs. Nielsen read the constitution of the First Lutheran Churchwomen and showed the preamble card, which will be presented to all the women the first of the year, when the merger goes into effect.

Madeline Kvistad, thank offering chairman, presented a reading of the Litany and a prayer, after which the women sang "Now Thank We All Our God" as they made their offerings.

Margaret Sorenson reported on the new library of the church and read a list of all the books. Beatrice Swensen, president of the senior guild, invited all the women to the church Christmas party, to be held Wednesday, December 7, at 8 p.m. An article on box work was read by Petra Henningsen.

The Rev. Mr. Storaasli expressed thanks to the women of the church for the successful bazaar.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Charles Wooley, Anna Thompson, A. B. Thorsness, M. B. Howe and Richard Paulsen.

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CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR FREEDOM

November 4, 1960

Sponsored by

United Church Women of Astoria

Astoria, Oregon
Dec. 12'th

To the Women of First Lutheran Church;

All women who are members of First Lutheran automatically become members of the W.M.F.

The executive committee of the W.M.F. met at my home recently to talk over plans to make our meetings better attended in the New Year.

Our feeling is that if we begin to plan now, we will be ready to start the next year's program without delay.

It was decided that we try using the Messenger Bible Studies in the Guilds and Ladies' Aid this coming year.

We had a good meeting and many suggestions were offered. Here are some of them:

1. Films dealing with Christian living and the work of our Church.
2. Outside speakers dealing with topics of interest to us as women of the Church.
3. Review of worthwhile books.

We would welcome other suggestions.

If you find your name on a committee, I hope you will serve.

Won't you support us with your presence?

Yours in His Service
Margaret M. Nielsen
Pres.-elect of the W.M.F.

Delegates to the Portland, Ore. conference of The American Lutheran Church Women.

PORTLAND, Ore. (TALC) — One hundred and thirty delegates from 31 merging Lutheran congregations in the Portland Area met recently at Faith Lutheran Church to adopt the constitution for the new Women's Auxiliary of The American Lutheran Church.

Officers for the newly constituted group are: Mrs. Walter Brunner, president; Mrs. Marcus Anderson, vice president; Mrs. J. F. Shelley, secretary; Miss Mabel Fjeld, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Schultz, education secretary; and Mrs. Eugene Strand, stewardship secretary.

Festive Day Is Observed

PATTERSON, Calif. (ELC) — One of the important festive days at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is the Annual Harvest Festival which was held Sunday, October 31st.

Missionary to Japan, Harold Eimon presented the cause of Missions at the Sunday School, Worship and evening services. In addition, the congregation also emphasized the California Lutheran College cause.

Rev. Walter Holtan, pastor of Our Saviour's, stated that the offering for the day amounted to $2,493.80.

TALC Women in North Organize

ANACORTES, Wash. (TALC) — The North Puget Sound Conference of the North Pacific District of The American Lutheran Church Women were organized at the Constituting Convention held at Anacortes Lutheran Church on October 18.

Mrs. C. M. Soine of Bellingham, Wash., convened the gathering and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, also of Bellingham, acted as secretary. Opening devotions were given by Mrs. Obed Vold.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Esther H. Nesset of Bellingham, president; Mrs. Bernt Dahle of Everett, vice president; Mrs. Wayne Jones of Mt. Vernon, secretary; Mrs. W. P. Swan of Bellingham, treasurer; Mrs. Theol Hoiland of Stanwood, secretary of education; and Mrs. Leslie Wilkinson of Concrete, secretary of stewardship. They were installed by Pastor K. G. Egertson.

The afternoon workshop was opened by a prayer time led by Mrs. Donald Taylor of Bellingham, followed by the introduction of the 1961 Bible Study, "When we Pray — How Much More", by Mrs. R. D. Brandt of Good Shepherd Church, Everett.

Other presentations were: "Annual Thank Offering" by Mrs. J. L. Kutz of Seattle; "Value of Family Devotions" by Mrs. Arnold Kjesbu of Concrete; "The Cause of the Month" by Mrs. Nesset.

Mrs. C. O. Pederson of Seattle presented the Offering meditation and Mrs. Sid Staswick of Everett led the hymn sing.

Pastor Herbert C. Newcomer was installed August 14 at St. Timothy's Church, West Covina.

Church lights and a dossal curtain, given in memory of J. A. Martin, were dedicated recently at Bethel Church, Templeton. Dr. C. W. Segerhammar was the speaker.

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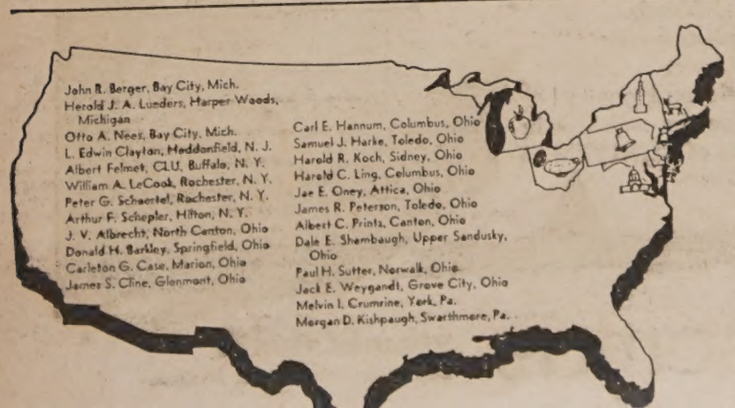
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90th Anniversary In San Francisco

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